

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

GENERAL SUBJECT: Traffic Signs		NUMBER: TE-299
SPECIFIC SUBJECT: Signing for "Move It" Program		DATE: August 30, 2000
		SUPERSEDES: TE-295
DIRECTED TO: District Administrators	SIGNATURE: <i>Ilona O. Kastenhofer</i>	

The Department has been requested by the State Police to remove the word "EMERGENCY" from Cellular #77 signing due to legislation (Senate Bill 148) passed during the 2000 session of the General Assembly. This legislation prevents any public safety agency from advertising or otherwise promoting the use of any number for emergency response service other than 911.

Since this request affects the alternate signing used with the MOVE-IT program, the Department's amended policy regarding this program is as follows:

In response to House Joint Resolution No. 570 (attached), the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Department of Motor Vehicles and law enforcement agencies are attempting to reduce traffic congestion by expanding the MOVE-IT program currently used in various locations. The major thrust of this effort is a public education program in cooperation with DRIVE SMART Virginia. HJR 570 also requests the Department to install signs "along the highways of the Commonwealth, at places of major highway construction, and at places where traffic congestion is known to occur" which advise motorists involved in accidents or breakdowns to move their vehicles from the travel lane(s) if they are capable of being moved.

The attached signs have been designed for use in conjunction with this program. The sign without a phone number is intended for use at any location. As an option, the alternate sign can be used on the interstate system. In addition, the Northern Virginia District can continue to use its previous sign design since it more accurately reflects the State Police initiative relative to reporting emergency and non-emergency events in that area.

Signs should be installed prior to major construction sites and at places of recurring traffic congestion. When used in conjunction with construction projects, care should be taken when locating the signs so that the effectiveness of any work zone signing is not compromised. In addition, these signs can be installed along highways in other locations as deemed appropriate.

The use of these signs should be considered for existing and new construction projects and locations with recurring congestion upon receipt of this memorandum. They should be

installed at other locations as soon as possible but no later than December 29, 2000. Signs currently in place which are not in accordance with the attached designs may remain in place until normal maintenance requires that they be replaced with the exception that the modification of the sign to replace the word "EMERGENCY" with "ASSISTANCE" shall be accomplished by October 1, 2000.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 570

Requesting the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles to take certain actions to reduce traffic congestion along highways at major construction sites and places of common traffic congestion.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 1999

WHEREAS, every day highway accidents and incidents impede mobility on urban, suburban, and rural highways; and

WHEREAS, the traffic congestion caused by these accidents and incidents creates significant safety hazards and causes excessive delays that result in costs for the traveling public and public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, studies published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration indicate that (i) by 2005 the impact of accident and incident-related delays in terms of hours of delay, wasted fuel, and excess road-user costs are expected to increase by five times the level experienced during 1995; (ii) 50 to 60 percent of highway congestion is due to incidents; and (iii) 20 percent of all accidents are a result of a previous incident; and

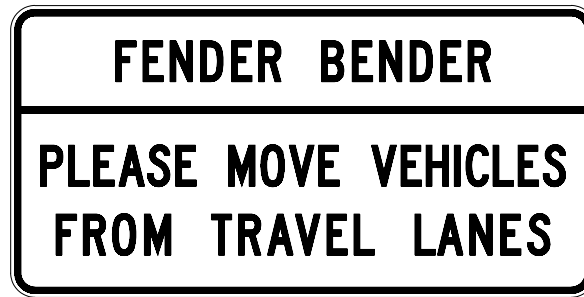
WHEREAS, §§ 46.2-888 and 46.2-894 of the Code of Virginia permit operators of motor vehicles that have been involved in an accident to move such vehicles to prevent the obstruction of the regular flow of traffic, and the Department of Transportation has publicized the value of moving such vehicles in the "MOVE IT" program; and

WHEREAS, the further education of drivers using Virginia highways about the benefits and responsibilities of stopping without obstructing traffic after a noninjury accident is essential to reducing traffic congestion and accidents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with law-enforcement agencies, be requested to take certain actions to reduce traffic congestion along highways at major construction sites and places of common traffic congestion and to implement a public education campaign to inform motor vehicle operators of the benefits of the "MOVE IT" program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Department of Transportation be requested to place signs along the highways of the Commonwealth, at places of major highway construction, and at places where traffic congestion is known to occur and that those signs advise motorists to move any motor vehicle that is capable of being moved away from the lanes of travel on public highways after any accident or breakdown; and, be it

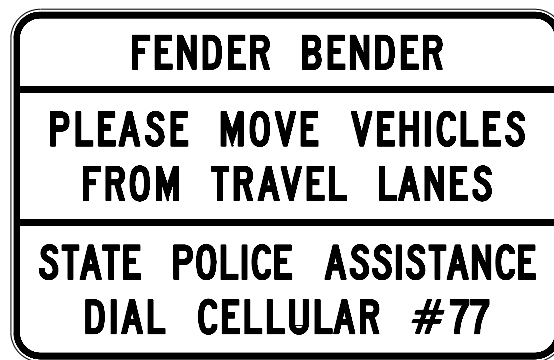
RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.



This sign is intended for use at major construction sites, at places of recurring traffic congestion and at other locations along the highway as deemed appropriate. Sign B shall be used on the Interstate routes and Sign A on all other routes.

SHAPE		Horizontal Rectangle		
COLOR	Line 1	Message and Border:	Black (Non-reflectorized)	
		Field:	Yellow (Reflectorized)	
		Solid Bar:	Black (Non-reflectorized)	
	Lines 2 & 3	Message and Border:	Black (Non-reflectorized)	
		Field:	White (Reflectorized)	
	SIZE		Horizontal:	A
		Vertical:	72"	132"
			36"	54"
MESSAGE	Line 1	Capitals:	5" C	8" C
		Solid Bar:	¾"	1¼"
	Line 2	Capitals:	5" C	8" C
	Line 3	Capitals:	5" C	8" C
MARGIN WIDTH			½"	¾"
BORDER WIDTH			¾"	1¼"
CORNER RADIUS			3"	7"

Notes: Vertical spacing between Line 1 and the border and the solid bar is $3\frac{1}{8}$ " for Sign A and $4\frac{1}{4}$ " for Sign B. Vertical spacing between Line 2 and the solid bar is 4" for Sign A and $5\frac{1}{8}$ " for Sign B. Vertical spacing between Lines 2 and 3 is $3\frac{1}{2}$ " for Sign A and 6" for Sign B. Vertical spacing between Line 3 and the border is 4" for Sign A and $5\frac{1}{8}$ " for Sign B. Horizontal spacing on Line 2 for Sign A is at 70% of the normal spacing and spacing between words on this line is reduced to 4".



This sign is intended for use on the interstate routes as an alternate sign (to the same sign without Lines 4 and 5) at major construction sites, at places of recurring traffic congestion and at other locations along the highway as deemed appropriate.

SHAPE	Horizontal Rectangle		
COLOR	Line 1		
	Message and Border:	Black (Non-reflectORIZED)	
	Field:	Yellow (ReflectORIZED)	
	Solid Bar:	Black (Non-reflectORIZED)	
	Lines 2 & 3		
	Message and Border:	Black (Non-reflectORIZED)	
	Field:	White (ReflectORIZED)	
	Solid Bar:	Black (Non-reflectORIZED)	
	Lines 4 & 5		
	Message and Border:	White (ReflectORIZED)	
	Field:	Blue (ReflectORIZED)	
SIZE	Horizontal:	132"	
	Vertical:	84"	
MESSAGE	Line 1	Capitals:	8" C
		Solid Bar:	1 1/4"
	Line 2	Capitals:	8" C
	Line 3	Capitals:	8" C
		Solid Bar:	1 1/4"
	Line 4	Capitals:	8" C
	Line 5	Capitals, Symbol & Numerals:	8" C
MARGIN WIDTH	3/4"		
BORDER WIDTH	1 1/4"		
CORNER RADIUS	7"		

Notes: Vertical spacing between Line 1 and the border and the solid bar is 4 1/4". Vertical spacing between Line 2 and the solid bar is 4 3/4". Vertical spacing between Lines 2 and 3 is 5". Vertical spacing between Line 3 and the solid bar is 4 3/4". Vertical spacing between Line 4 and the solid bar is 4 3/4". Vertical spacing between Lines 4 and 5 is 5". Vertical spacing between Line 5 and the border is 4 3/4". Horizontal spacing on Line 4 is 75% of the normal spacing.